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SUBJ: FIFTH TEST WELL IN BOMBAY HIGH SHOWS POTENTIAL

SUMMARY: THE FIFTH TEST DRILLING OF THE BOMBAY HIGH SHOWS POSITIVE INDICATIONS OF OIL AND GAS. THE TEST IS ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION THAT THE BOMBAY HIGH FIELD IS SUBSTANTIAL. THE GOI HAS RAISED ITS ANNUAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATES UPWARD FROM TEN MILLION TONS TO PERHAPS AS HIGH AS 15 MILLION TONS, WHEN THE FIELD IS FULLY DEVELOPED. END SUMMARY.

1. GOI PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS MINISTER K.D. MALAVIYA ANNOUNCED ON MAY 20 THAT THE FIFTH TEST WELL IN THE BOMBAY HIGH SECTOR OF THE ARABIAN SEA, ABOUT 40 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE FOURTH WELL, HAS ESTABLISHED " POSITIVE INDICATIONS" OF BOTH OIL AND NATURAL GAS. ACCORDING TO MALAVIYA, THE PAY ZONES IN THE FIFTH WELL, AS INDICATED BY ELECTROLOGY AND CORING METHODS, ARE ALMOST AS THICK AS THE PREVIOUS FOUR WELLS, WHICH ALL TESTED SUCCESSFULLY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GOI HAS DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH DETAILED PRODUCTION

TESTS IN THE FIFTH WELL NOW, AS IT IS NECESSARY TO MOVE QUICKLY TO THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE BOMBAY HIGH STRUCTURE TO DRILL A SIXTH TEST WELL BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE SUMMER MONSOON. THE ONGC'S DRILL SHIP SAGAR SAMRAT IS HASTENING TO MOVE TO THE NEW LOCATION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SO AS TO GET IN PLACE BEFORE THE COMING OF THE MONSOON.

2. ACCORDING TO PETROLEUM MINISTRY SOURCES, THE FOURTH WELL HAS ALREADY SHOWN A FLOW RATE OF ABOUT 3,000 BARRELS A DAY. INDICATIONS OF OIL IN THE FIFTH WELL HAVE CAUSED THE PETROLUEM MINISTRY TO REVISE ITS ESTIMATE OF THE BOMBAY HIGH'S ANNUAL PRODUCTION WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED FROM TEN MILLION TONS TO PERHAPS AS HIGH AS 15 MILLION TONS, THE GOI CANNOT MAKE FIRM ESTIMATES HOWEVER UNTIL AT LEAST THREE MORE TEST WELLS ARE DRILLED. PETROLEUM MINISTRY SOURCES HAVE ESTIMATED THAT TOTAL INVESTMENT REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE BOMBAY HIGH SECTOR WOULD BE IN THE ORDER OF RS. 7 BILLION (ABOUT \$900 MILLION).

3. THIS TELEGRAM IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE BOMBAY.  
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